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and the result has been that these causes of imperfect sympathy have during his course of leadership disappeared. The party has had no reason to regret its choice. Mr. RUM has been diligent in the performance of his duties, and has never failed to put forth his utmost efforts at the service of his party. The nearly equal division of parties made, as before remarked, the position one of great

any deficient recognition of this. His

enabled him to seize at a glance

the weak point of his adversaries' position. When the protectionist policy of the Government was based on the basis of an unholy alliance with a section of the labour party, Mr. Rann proudly denounced the proceeding as a legalised conspiracy against the people, and from that moment he challenged the Government to that reference of the matter to the decision of the people. It is a question which never got ventured to make. When Mr. SEE's budget of December last was stated to the House, Mr. Rann immediately followed with a searching criticism effecting a complete reversal of the policy of the Government, and especially with the reprehensible proposal to levy contributions on the new municipalities to help to defray the cost of the maintenance and exposure of the intended device with the Local Government Bill, though he met at the time by a solid Government majority. He has since been so uncompromising in his attitude towards the Government to modify its policy and to bring down new financial

proposals in the following month. As a quick and acute critic, Mr. Krim had much to do with the formation of public opinion in Parliament, and in this way has exercised unusual influence on the councils of a Government some members of which have with very bad grace, and with great injustice, affected to treat him with levity and the show of contempt.

One special source of power has been possessed by Mr. Krim, and has been employed by him with full effect. He has all through, and has demanded of the party which he has commanded the appeal to the people. He has commanded a Ministry which has persistently shrunk from this appeal and submitted to many humiliations rather than resort to it, and which has been supported

by men whose aversion to meet the electors was equal to that of Ministers themselves. Throughout Mr. REID has insisted that there was hopeless to expect to carry useful legislation under the auspices of a Government which was supported only by a small and uncertain majority, and which did not venture to ask the country for additional power. When we review the extremely scanty products of two sessions of a majority, we talk in vain of

be disputed that these anticipations have been sustained by events. Mr. REID has ample support in facts when he declared the other day that the Government has persistently applied the method when any difficulty arose in dealing with a measure of laying it aside. What other course, indeed, can be taken by a Government which shrinks from meeting the people, and cannot find support

in Parliament to enable it to carry out its measures? The resolution of the Opposition to take every opportunity of endeavouring to force an appeal to the country is in itself an endorsement of the action of Mr. Rinn, who was the first to proclaim this policy, and has persistently adhered to it. It is well to see that the party and its leader are so fully in accord, and so definite in recognising the purposes

The banquet held at Melbourne the other evening to do honour to the members returning from the meeting of the Federal Council at Hobart, was the occasion for the expression of much commendable patriotic sentiment, accompanied, as is usual, with some lamentation, if not complaint, as to the self-imposed isolation of

New South Wales. With the former we are of course in entire accord; and though the latter was not couched in unfriendly terms, we not unreasonably think that it is time that the attitude taken by this colony towards the institution of the Federal Council should no longer be misjudged. With the views, or change of views, of individual members of Parliament or publicmen on the original proposals

as they emanated from the Convention of 1893, we may not be particularly concerned. But it may be affirmed that the general sentiment of the people of the colony that it cannot be charged with inconsistency. The disinclination of this colony to become connected with what may be described as a dwarfed system of federation has been based on clearly-defined

lines, which have not suffered material alteration from anything that has occurred since the Federal Council was founded. It no doubt true that the adhesion of this colony might have tended to extend the scope of the Council, and make its labours more efficient. But the question still remains whether even that would have been sufficient to make an institution so constituted, and with so restricted functions, fulfil

For what was the situation? The subject matter of the movement had not come before the Parliaments at all in a formal or recognisable way. A number of men, able men it is true, had met together, in convention and as a result of

father his conventions, and as a result of their deliberations a scheme was formulated, which was sent home for the ratification of Imperial authority, and received the imprimatur of such authority without having been first submitted to the deliberations of the Parliaments or the will of the people immediately concerned. And then the size of the Federal Council, as constituted, of itself precluded the possibility of its in any way fulfilling the duties

of a Parliament, or undertaking with any show of reason the conduct of affairs of such magnitude as the governance of Australasia. What could be expected of a body of some dozen members—barely to be regarded as of a representative character, and with no executive powers at all—assuming the direction of affairs which required to command the assent of the several Parliaments of the Australian

colonies before it could have any validity? And what respect or obedience to its decisions could be expected to follow the deliberations of a body in which there would be such a non-proportion in its elements that the smallest and youngest colonies should have equal voice with, and in the aggregate dominate, the oldest and most populous and wealthy of the number? Besides, assuming that

everything proceeded as satisfactorily as possible, the scope of duties was so restricted that the compass of the thing was not worth the bother. Where such a body was to move on sufferance, and only take into its consideration what might be assigned to it

one glimpse is enough to make us
that not hundreds, but thousands, of
lives have been brought to desolation.
If ever there was a time in the history
of Sydney when the people were called
to give a free vent to their
surges of sorrow and sympathy,
it is now when the sister capital
is plunged in such an unparalleled
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routine business having received attention
 Assembly last evening, Mr. Alfred Allen
 grievously ill, and his presence
 and his humorous apoplexy. Some time
 Mr. Allen secured precedence for the
 reading, on 28th February, of the
 bill, which was read and passed
 that honorable presence for some
 He now discovered, however, that
 for the second reading of the Australian
 Light Company Electric Lighting and Supply
 bill, which he had above alluded to.
 of which he had charge. Mr. Allen was
 fully assured that it was "all right." What
 meant was that Parliament had a play
 in the bill, and that it was not in the
 time this day six months—"a com-
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 had to do. This was the order which he
 referred to, and the full period of six
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 in regard to his bill, the Light Company's
 bill necessarily have precedence.

was to direct attention to the desirability of steps being taken immediately to relieve the industrial distress now prevailing in the country. The speaker pointed out that it was that unless some practical steps were taken we should have during the winter disastrous commercial depression, and that the industrial situation and the existing condition of affairs was as they said they may laid all questions of party, race, and a truce, and push forward with the most rapid and efficient legislation. They could not get necessary legislation in the House stood in the death throes of a life. His proposition was that members should take the people into consideration, and should come to an end be dissolved; and meantime they should deal with such matters as were calculated to give employment to the people. With a view to this, the speaker said that he would be glad to see the House go home to their constituents, Mr. Wall pointed to the amended Land Bill to which members should devote their attention, and said that the Government had a sermon based upon the axiom, "Speech is not silver and gold," his application of it was that "there is no doubt whatever that the Government have a right to take the Land Bill and the Mining or Private Property Bill as the measures which, if passed, would give employment to the people." Mr. Wall said that he would not support any measure that would carry out measures which

employment to the people.

Shercy's turn came now. His judgment of the country was severe. It had not done sufficiently well, he said, and "Spec for Spec" assailed his ears, but the advice was that Mr. Shercey had come to the conclusion that no satisfaction was to be had from the Government of the Opposition. Mr. Caruthers proclaimed in favour of a Parliament which would have the confidence of the people, and would restore commercial confidence. He said that Mr. Shercey had said that for the Ministry to face the question. He hoped the Ministry would place a vote of money on the Estimates for the purpose of doing so. Mr. Shercey said that Mr. Joseph Abbott was of opinion that the only way of doing any good would be by getting a vote of money. Mr. Molville held that the disinterested members of the Opposition were completely responsible for the present condition of the country. He went beyond this point. Being generally a party man, he could not let the Government alone. He said that he would like to see to it. After doing all he could to support the Opposition, he pleaded for a truce. The Government had a word to say in favour of the Bill, and he would support it. He said that the Government had granted leave on new goldfields and that the Government should not be discontinued.

The leader of the Opposition admitted the position. In his opinion the best way of doing good was to get a vote of money. He said that he should get a Government

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was strong enough in the House to carry off measures. So grave was the position of the Government that redoubled efforts to come into power, they would have no doubt the prospect of being strong enough to do was required. The only remedy for the state of affairs was a House which would be strong enough to force the Government to carry out the policy as it at present constituted did not represent the feeling of the country. Members of the Government were not capable of doing anything except to prolong the present state of affairs and it needless to say that a dissolution was many terrors for him to permit of his saying more in favour of it. To convince the sceptical members of the House that this was the only way of settling the question he proceeded with the Mining on Private Bill until nearly midnight, he pronounced the

lands instituted a comparison be-
tween Mr. Sydney Smith and
himself in charge. The mine
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the House upon the right of the Crown
land might be found in any land, no
matter what conditions the land might have
before the Crown. There had never
been a case where the Crown delivered up
land and conveyed the right to
the purchaser of the land.
The Government claimed the right of
the land that might be in the land.
The House that the miners
were satisfied with the conditions
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with the rent and royalty pro-
visions. He would rather never
deal with that subject passed at all
than have the Government should
be mining provisions. There were
some of land having been resumed
and afterwards abandoned, the land being
worth nothing at all. He did
not think. So long as they got
to enter upon the land and
the results they ought to be satisfied. It
was that in all cases the Government
paid compensation for whatever
surface might be required to carry
that compensation, however, would
be more than £10 or £20 a
acre and do justice in the bill both to the
land and also to the miner. He had

would vote against the second measure. He objected to the royalty bill as not made for farmers or for the property on which it was mine, consequently action far be plentiful. It was a singular bill dealing with mining interests voted through the House by the yeas. Why should not the miners charge of the bill? Mr. Morgan raised objection to the bill was the increasing on new gold mines. The miners at Peak Hill sent down a miner protesting against that mining system would prevent the new areas in the interior. Mr. O'Sullivan was not enthusiastic of the bill. It contained, he said, some that was not so liberal as he could see it.

He considered that it would be necessary to amend the bill, otherwise it would little value to the mining section of Mr. Torry rejected the bill as whole, very fair and well put forward by Messrs. A. Beckett, Jeanes, Reid, and Copeland the second bill was agreed to on the yeas. The Chamber counted the yeas and agreed to without discussion, but which embraced several substantial much criticism. Eventually moved the amendment by the insertion in it of the words

is said to consult with Sir George in matters of importance, that will be discussed will be King George's Sound. The set piece, Sir John explained, was much Western Australia will contribute the remainder is to be supplied by the colonies. As the group and their way to Western Australia, he says that the time has arrived colonies should begin their preparation for New South Wales to get New South, "and by so way will not retard, but will actually the operation of the Australian colonies." He said Sir George D'Almeida at night. The Premier was in command of Western Australia for John completed a seat behind the in the Assembly during the visitor who arrived yesterday from Melbourne was Reid, the Victorian Minister. He is accompanied by his come to Sydney, chiefly on but during his stay here he will with Sir George D'Almeida represented King George's Sound. In the discussion he will act in conjunction the Premier, Sir Samuel Griffith, the Council, arrived at Sydney yesterday in the evening for Brisbane. Sir, etc., mentioned in

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